Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are we to understand that promotions will be given to those gentlemen who are working in the same department, and are we to understand persons who had the folly to go to another department are to be condemned?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no question of condemning. Generally their claims are not considered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was there not at that time a gentleman in the Huzur, Mr. C. P. Achyuta Menon, in the same grade or even in a higher grade?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Mr. C. P. Achyuta Menon, if I remember aright, was at that time the Special Assistant to the Diwan Peishkar in connection with the land acquisitions for the Railway extension.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In the light of the answer to sub-division (b) are we to understand that promotions will be given to those gentlemen who are working in the same department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I can't give any answer.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Was the case of Mr. C. P. Achyuta Menon considered when the appointment of the Panchayat Registrar was made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He was not then available.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—His disqualification was that he was not put in a more ready market. Is it not?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no disqualification.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government kindly explain the problem how officers with less service and less pay get more pay after three years than those who were drawing more pay and who had put in more service? Considering questions 206 and 207 together it will be seen that within three years people with less service draw more pay.

President.—We are now on 206.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—The next question also deals with the same subject. Both questions can be dealt with together.

President.—Is the question the same?

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—Yes. The same.

President.—Then question Nos. 206 and 207 may be considered together.

Seniority among Sub-Magistrates.

207. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state,—

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(a) who was the seniormost Sub-Magistrate when Sub-Magistrate Mr. O. R. Chummar was appointed Deputy Commissioner of Income-tax;

(b) the length of service put in by Mr. Chummar and the other Sub-Magistrates?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Mr. C. Sankara Menon.

(b) * Service on 1st Kumbham 1108.

	*	*Years.*	*Months.*	*Days*
1.	Mr. C. Sankara Menon	11	5	24
2.	,, V. C. Krishna Menon	13	2	25
3.	,, K. Parameswara Menon	13	2	26
4.	,, C. V. Narayana Ayyar	12	4	9
5.	,, A. Subramania Ayyar	13	0	24
6.	,, O. R. Chummar	6	1	9

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—The same question that the Hon'ble Member for Irinjalakkuda asked just now. How is that problem explained?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—If the Hon'ble Member will specify the officer he has got in mind, I will try to answer the question. There are six names mentioned in the answer to question No. 207 and five names in answer to question No. 206.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Does it not strike the Government on comparing these two sets of officers given here that some persons have been benefited unduly within three years, *i. e.*, if everything is equal, we find a large difference in the pay drawn by them at the end of three years? Does it not strike the Government that some persons have not derived as much advantage as other persons who have less service? Is there not something to explain? Or does the Government think that the answers explain themselves?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot subscribe to the view expressed by the Hon'ble Member that some persons have been unduly benefited and some persons have been unduly put to difficulties. If the Member will ask with regard to each particular individual, I will try to answer the question. A general answer to suit all these persons is impossible to device.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—I find that Mr. V. C. Krishna Menon has put in 13 years 2 months and 25 days service and he was drawing Rs. 125 in 1103. He is now drawing Rs. 150. On the other hand, I find the first named, Mr. P. V. Raphael, drawing Rs. 100 in 1103, now drawing Rs. 260. He is drawing now Rs. 110 more while he was drawing Rs. 10 less in 1103. Is it not clear to the Government that one party has been at a disadvantage within this period?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The answer is clear. Mr. V. C. KrishnaMenon was in the Huzur Secretariat and he was the seniormost among the clerks there. He was also a Law Graduate. When a vacancy arose in the Judicial Department he preferredto go to that department and joined that department. Therefore, he has to seek his promotion in that department alone. The other officer was in the Huzur Office. A vacancy arose inthe executive line. He was the person who was dealing with those papers. The Government wanted a person who is wellacquainted with the work when the new department was organised and he was appointed.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will not the same answer apply to the case of Mr. O. R. Chummar who was a sub-Magistrate drawing a less paythan Mr. V. C. Krishna Menon? When a new department has to be opened how is it possible for the Government to give a lift to him? Is not the same principle applicable to his case?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There also, I can only say, he was considered to be a more fitted man to organise a new department.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—So when a candidate leaves the Huzur Office to some other department, is he once for all forgotten?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He was not forgotten. His name was not considered in connection with the appointment of the Registrar of Village Panchayats because he was in the Judicial Department.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—When the question of income-tax came, was his name considered?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—His name was considered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the appointment of Mr. Chummar as Income-tax Officer on a higher pay will bejustified by the Government on grounds of communal representation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No. I don't think.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—If it is not on any communal representation, how is this appointment of Chummar over the heads of many others justified?

President.—That is not a request for information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be justified, that is what I ask.

President.—The question time is not for the Government to justify their action. It is only for furnishing information.

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